

HOUSE RESOLUTION 364
By Hood

A RESOLUTION to recognize Elaine Shirley on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Shirley is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Shirley has served as a business teacher with the Rutherford County School System for 10 years; during her illustrious career, she has positively influenced many young lives; and

WHEREAS, before her tenure with Rutherford County Schools, Mrs. Shirley served with distinction as secretary to the Superintendent and as an educator at both Trousdale County High School and at a state vocational school; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Shirley earned a Bachelor of Science degree, a Master of Arts degree and an Educational Specialist degree in Administration and Supervision from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Shirley is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Shirley truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel is highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; she represents all that is good and noble in education; and

WHEREAS, she treasures the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Ed Shirley, who is also retiring from the Rutherford County School System this year; and

WHEREAS, she plans to spend her much deserved retirement collecting antiques and raising Tennessee Walking Horses with her husband; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Shirley truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized on the occasion of her retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Elaine Shirley for her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.